GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where telephone facility ha not been provided so far;

(b) whether telephone facility would be provided to all the villages of the country by the end of year;

(c) the details of telephones lying out of order in the country upto October, 2001, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide better telephone facility to villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) 193,063 villages have not been provided with telephone facility as on 31/10/2001.

(b) All the remaining villages have been planned to be provided with telephone facility by the year 2002 with the joint efforts of Private Basic Service Operators (PBSOs) and subject to availability of funds and equipment.

(c) 70,604 village public telephones are out of order as on 31/10/2001 as per details given in the enclosed annexure.

(d) New technologies like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), C-DOT TDMA/PMP and satellite for remote and inaccessible areas hav been planned to provide better facility to the villages. All irreparable MARR based VPTs are planned to be replaced by WLL systems.

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF FAULTY VPTS AS ON 31.10.2001

CIRCLE	NO. OF FAULTY VPTs
ANDEMAN & NICOBAR	57
ANDHRA PRADESH	242
ASSAM	5118
BIHAR	5394
CHHATTISGARH	4733
GUJRAT	2548
HARAYANA	649
HIMACHAL PRADEH	858
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1242
JHARKHAND	3457
KARNATAKA	698
KERALA	0
MADHYA PRADESH	9777
MAHARASTHRA	392
NORTH EAST-I	1372
NORTH EAST-II	661
ORISSA	12213
PUNJAB	472
RAJASTHAN	2276
TAMIL NADU	793
UTTER PRADESH(EAST)	9890
UTTER PRADESH (WEST)	2950
UTTRANCHAL	1777
WEST BENGAL	3035

TOTAL 70604